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MACKEREL STILL BEING LANDED.

Two Fresh Fares at Boston and One Salt Trip at This Port Today.

Some of the Vessels Making Extra Good Spurts.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall is at Boston this morning with 4000 fresh mackerel and 25 barrels of salt mackerel. The fare was taken on Middle bank. Sch. Charles A. Dyer is also there with 200 fresh mackerel.

Small mackerel are bringing 8 cents at T wharf this morning, the mediums 18 cents and the large 25 cents.

Beside landing a fare of fresh mackerel at Boston, sch. Veda M. McKown, which came in here Monday with some salt mackerel, also landed two small catches of mackerel and a load of bluebacks at Provincetown, stocking over \$2000 for the short time she was out.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, is in here this morning from the shore grounds with 75 barrels of salt mackerel, the largest salt trip since Cape Shore time.

Mackerel are being taken by the netters at Bear river and Portuguese cove, N. B.

A small consignment of large mackerel taken on the Maine coast reached Boston this morning.

William Sawyer of Boothbay Harbor, Me., telegraphed here yesterday that the druggers had landed a large lot of large mackerel there.

Now Large Schools.

Sch. Fanny Hayden, which arrived at Portland on Sunday from Boston, reports seeing large schools of mackerel between Thacher's island and Cape Elizabeth.

Big Mackerel Receipts at Portland on Monday.

Monday proved to be the biggest day Portland has had in the mackerel business for a number of years. In all there were 20,000 pounds and over of mackerel received there.

And such mackerel as they were. Nothing could have been finer. Big fellows they were, sleek and shiny, fish that would tip the scales from three to five pounds. Nothing could have been better than these, and as a result they found a ready sale as soon as they were brought in.

The largest fare that came to Port-

land was caught by sch. Kate and Nellie, which landed 70 barrels. These were sent up from Boothbay by rail. The steamer Elthier came in with 30 barrels and sch. Wesley W. Sennett had 40 barrels. All these were caught between Boothbay and Seguin and around Matinicus, the best mackerel grounds on the Maine coast.

Perhaps the best feature of the mackerel catching came from the fact that all the fish seen were not taken. Capt. Sumner Reed of the Elthier surrounded a school of fish that amounted to 30 barrels. He received \$400 for the lot. Capt. Reed said that while he was gathering these in other big schools were seen. As soon as he started for them, however, the fish disappeared below the surface of the water. The fish seemed to be very wild, an indication that they will not be caught any too easily.

Sales of Salt Mackerel.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Monarch which were shipped down from that vessel when she landed fresh ones at Boston a few days ago, sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company at \$18 per barrel for small and \$26 per barrel for large.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Pinta, 21 barrels, also sent down from Boston, sold to the same concern for a lump sum, \$425.

Yesterday the same concern bought the fare of sch. Saladin, 30 barrels, eight of which were large and 22 small, for a lump sum, \$600.

Price of Foreign Salt Mackerel Firm.

All kinds of foreign salt mackerel are very firm, says the Fishing Gazette, with wholesale dealers marking up the figures from week to week. New Norway 2s and 3s are much in demand, and they are 50 cents a barrel higher than a week ago. Irish mackerel is closely held and from 50 cents to \$1, or higher.

The foreign receipts of salt mackerel last week at Boston comprised 200 barrels from Ireland and 41 from Nova Scotia. Irish salt mackerel, both new and old, are firmer. Nova Scotia are unchanged. Norway 2s and 3s are virtually out of the market. Norway 4s are firmer.

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SOME GOOD TRIPS AT THIS PORT.

STEAM TRAWLER FOAM BRINGS HADDOCK FARE FROM BOSTON FOR SPLITTERS.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, who has been running the sch. John Hays Hammond on a hurry-up schedule since he took her last spring, is in port again this morning with another fine paying trip, hauling for 29,000 pounds of halibut, 65,000 pounds of fresh fish and 15,000 pounds of salt fish.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley has 125,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod, from Quero, and schs. Corona and Selma of the fresh halibut fleet, the former from the same ground and the latter from LaHave Bank, bring small halibut catches with a few fresh and salt fish on the side.

From the shore seining grounds sch. Vistor brings 75 barrels of salt mackerel, the most of the lot being small fish.

Steam trawlers seem to have taken a liking for this port, for yesterday afternoon the Foam came down from Boston with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters, being the third of her kind to come here this week with a trip. Sch. Clara G. Silva also came down from Boston with 80,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Pauline, one of the straight Georges handliners, came in this

morning with a nice catch of 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

Four porgy steamers came in here this forenoon for coal and will return to the fishing grounds as soon as they bunker. They report a fleet of about 15 porgy steamers operating off here, also that there are plenty of fish but the schools are wild. Others of the fleet are expected in here to coal this afternoon or tomorrow.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Victor, seining, 75 bbls. salt mackerel

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Quero Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish 15,000 lbs. salt fish.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley Quero Bank, 125,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Selma, LaHave Bank, 4000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Corona, Quero Bank, 8000 lbs. halibut, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steam trawler Foam, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, via Boston.

Sch. Marion E. Turner, seining.

Sch. Pauline, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer James N. Gifford, porgying.

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HAVE NOT PURCHASED STATIONS.

Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. Deny Statements Published in Boston Papers.

Report May Come from Possible Changes in Birchy Cove Plant.

The report published in last evening's Boston papers that Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company had purchased 12 fishing stations along the west Newfoundland coast and would erect a packing plant, wharf and warehouses at Curling, Bay of Islands, and also that the concern would erect a factory at East Boston, was much commented upon here from the fact that the concern has recently opened a large plant at Louisburg, C. B., and the knowledge that a member of the company is on an extended inspection and business trip to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

The report is denied by Thomas

J. Carroll, general manager of the company, who said to a Times representative that there was nothing in the story. It is a matter of common knowledge that the company has had for the past three years, a plant at East Boston, one of the largest and most complete there, and also that for several seasons the company has maintained not only a small plant, but a vessel or two at Birchy Cove, Bay of Islands.

Mr. Carroll was of the opinion that Benjamin A. Smith, the vessel manager of the concern, who is now completing a Nova Scotia and Newfoundland trip may, while at Birchy Cove, or Curling, as it is also called, made some arrangements for making some addition or changes to the plant there and that this might have given rise to the report.

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MARKET MORE THAN SUPPLIED.

GROUND FISH PRICES RULE LOW BUT MACKEREL IN DEMAND.

T wharf continues to receive all the ground fish it needs, and more, 14 fares having come in since last report. The fares do not run as large as those of Tuesday and there are not as many individual big trips. Sch. Victor and Ethan with 80,000 pounds, heads the list, sch. Quonnapowitt has 72,000 pounds and sch. Pontiac 60,000 pounds, while the steam trawler Crest brings 72,000 pounds, but the rest of the trips in are small.

Two of the seining fleet are in, sch. Ralph L. Hall bringing 4000 small fresh mackerel and sch. Charles A. Dyer has 200 fish, together with 35 barrels of fresh bluebacks. There are also two small fares of swordfish in.

Prices still rule low on haddock which sold at \$1 and a few at \$1.50, while large cod brought \$4, a very good figure, and hake sold up to \$2 and \$3. Pollock brought \$1.25 to \$1.50 and cusk \$1.25. No quotation was given on swordfish. Small mackerel brought eight cents, the mediums went at 18 cents and the large brought 25 cents.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Galatea, 16000 cod.

Sch. Hope, 1000 haddock, 18000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Pontiac, 59000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Victor and Ethan 75000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 60000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Rebecca, 21,000 haddock, 400 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2000 haddock, 13000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 15000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 9000 haddock, 17000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Steamer Crest, 68000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 15000 haddock, 9000 cod, 14000 pollock.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 200 fresh mackerel, 35 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, 4000 fresh mackerel, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 34 swordfish.

Sch. Vesta, 6 swordfish.

Sch. Romance, 9000 haddock, 30000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.60; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.25; fresh mackerel, 25 cts. for large, 18 cts. for medium, 8 cts. for small.

Straits of Belle Isle Fishery a Failure.

The Straits of Belle Isle fishery is practically a failure, with no prospects of any great improvement. Job's crews have only about 2,000 quintals landed compared with 14,000 at this date last year. Whiteley's crews have done poorly and "floaters" hail for catches from ten to sixty quintals. Many of the crews have given up the voyage and over 150 men returned by the Diana to St. John's, N. F.

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TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl. for large and \$18 per bbl. for tinkers.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5, medium, \$4.45, snappers, \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.87 1-2, medium \$4.45.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.75, medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.75 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 and \$1.05 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.55 per cwt.; medium, \$2 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.40 per cwt. for large and \$1.90 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.20.

Snapper, cusk, 60 cts.

Hake, \$1.90.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts. round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 10 for white and 8 for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

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Yarmouth, N. S., Arrivals.

Schs. Grace Darling and Oliver H. Kilham arrived at Yarmouth, N. S., Saturday morning from the fishing grounds, each having a fare of 15,000 pounds of cod and halibut. The fares were purchased by W. A. Kilham.

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St. John's, N. F., Fish Market.

A few days ago there was quite a drop in fish prices, which, in some cases, lessens the value to the catcher as much as 70 cents, compared with last week.

The decline is all around. Merchandise and Madeira fish, all qualities—or tal qual—being quoted at \$5.30 in St. John's and \$5.50 in the outports, to cover cost of freight.

West India, all qualities—tal qual—is now quoted at \$3.50 in St. John's—less freight from the outports.

Salmon has dropped \$1 for all grades.

Cod oil has lessened in price, the quotations being \$90 hardwood casks, softwood casks, \$84.

The prices were decided upon by the purchasers after a lengthy discussion of a message received that cholera was reported very bad in Italy and Sicily, and that French and Norwegians were offering at lower prices than last week.—St. John's, N. F., Herald.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing sch. Topsail Girl arrived from a four weeks' cruise to the eastward Monday bringing 34 swordfish. She has been cruising all along the Nova Scotia coast from St. Margaret's Bay to the edge of Georges, not finding fish any too plentiful. She will take on her heavier sails today, and when she goes out again will search for halibut.

Sch. Fannie Hayden returned to Portland Monday from Boston, where she landed a fare of 44 swordfish on Saturday. She will fit for shore fishing.

Missionary Schooner Leaking.

Dr. Grenfell's missionary schooner, George B. Cluett, which left Boston August 6, for St. Anthony's, N. F., filled with medical supplies, clothing, etc., for the Labrador missions has put into Halifax, N. S., leaking, and will have to effect repairs before resuming her passage north.

Halibut Trip Stocks.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, stocked \$3959.59 as the result of her recent fine halibut trip, the crew of 22 men sharing \$78.25 each.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. George Merr, stocked \$2512.44 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.11.

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Bait at Provincetown.

Provincetown sent word yesterday that squid bait was none too plenty, but that steamers had landed fair catches of blueback herring, with which a good many mackerel were mixed. The 150 barrels of blueback herring landed there Monday from the steamer A. B. Nickerson went to the freezers. Small boats running out from Bear river and Portuguese cove, N. S., have been taking catches of mackerel in nets.

Halibut Sales.

The fares of halibut of sch. John Hays Hammond and Corona sold to the New England Fish Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Selma went to the American Halibut Company at the same price.

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NEW CONCERN INTERESTED.

WATSON FISH COMPANY BEHIND PROJECT TO SEND VESSELS TO PACIFIC.

When the Watson Fish Company was incorporated at Portland, Me., some weeks ago, with a capital of \$250,000, much mystery attached to the same, and there were all sorts of guesses in fish circles as to the object of the new concern and where it was to locate. Now the secret is out, according to Boston reports, for the new concern is behind the plan of sending three Boston fishing vessels to the Pacific coast to engage in fresh halibut, with which plan

Times readers are already familiar.

The Watson Fish Company has been formed with a capital of \$250,000, of which \$150,000 is eight per cent, preferred stock. Three shares of common stock are given with each share of preferred. The officers of the company are: President, Louis B. Goodspeed; vice president, Herbert V. Nickerson; secretary-treasurer, William K. Beardsley; directors, the above and Charles W. Turner, John M. Watson and E. Forbes.

A Boston report says that one new schooner is being built at Essex to accompany schs. Athena and Flora S. Nickerson to the Pacific. Capt. Herbert V. Nickerson, one of the officers of the new concern, is skipper and part owner of sch. Victor and Ethan, a sister craft to sch. Athena, and it is generally believed here, unless the new concern has quietly purchased sch. Flora S. Nickerson, which is now out on a fishing trip, that sch. Victor and Ethan is the craft, instead of the Nickerson, which will make the trip.

TRADE LIGHT AT T WHARF.

NO LIFE TO THE MARKET EXCEPT IN MACKEREL AND PRICES

SAG.

T wharf is in the doldrums. There is hardly any trade and it is about as dull as can be imagined with all the dealers. There is practically "nothing doing," the only activity being in mackerel when they are in. Even swordfish, which are in very light receipts, have fallen under the spell and prices are far from what would naturally be expected.

In the face of present conditions the dealers are glad that receipts today are light, four small swordfish trips and four vessels with small groundfish fares being the sum total of arrivals since last report. There is practically no demand so quotations amount to but little. A few haddock sold at \$1.25 and large cod, about the only thing with any life at all to it, brought \$4. There are no quoted sales of hake and cusk is way below splitting price. Pollock are low, bringing but \$1.25, indicating that the season on "Boston Bay blues" is about over.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Genesta, 47,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 pollock. Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 cusk. Sch. Viking, 2000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 3000 pollock. Sch. Mildred J. 36 swordfish. Sch. Valentinna, 25 swordfish. Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 17 swordfish. Sch. Mettacommet, 15 swordfish. Sch. Flaville, 15,000 cod. Haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.25; cusk, \$1.10; pollock \$1.25; swordfish, 8 cents per lb.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

The smacks landed nearly 350,000 pounds of bluefish, sea bass and porgies at the market this week, says the Fishing Gazette, and prices were comparatively low, still buying was light. On all grades of fish in the salt water fish market, prices were favorable. In the fresh water fish market, because of the low prices in the salt water market, there was little doing.

In all there were 29 trips of fish, of which 22 were bluefish, four sea bass, two porgies and one of mixed fish. The catch of bluefish numbered 73,825, which at an average weight of three pounds each meant 221,475 pounds. There was 51,840 pounds of sea bass, 42,000 pounds of porgies and 32,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Codfish—There was no market cod in the market during the first part of the week. On Wednesday and Thursday 3 cents to 4 cents was the price. There was some market cod to be had on Friday, while there was no sale for it.

Steak cod sold at 5½ cents to 9 cents. The higher price prevailed during the first days of the week. There was no steak cod in the market on Saturday.

Fluke and flounders were plentiful during the early part of the week, selling at 3 cents to 3½ cents. On Thursday and Friday the price of fluke was 2 cents to 3 cents.

Haddock brought 3½ cents to 4 cents.

Halibut—Western white halibut was quoted at 9 cents to 10 cents during the entire week. Eastern whitefish sold at 14 cents to 15 cents.

Hake was quoted at 3 cents to 5 cents.

Pollock sold at 2½ cents Saturday. Earlier in the week it was quoted as high as 5½ cents.

Lunenburg Fleet Doing Poorly.

A few days ago there was a fleet of about 15 Lunenburg bankers at Carbonar, N. F., seeking squid, but none was available. As already reported, the Lunenburg crews have done poorly on their last trips, owing to the scarcity of caplin bait, and should the squid fall, their total catch will be very small. Recently squid was fairly plentiful at Burin, and quite a number of the Newfoundland fleet secured supplies and sailed for the banks.

Sharks in South Channel.

Fishermen frequenting the South channel, Georges and South Shoal grounds report that blueback sharks are schooling in these places in large numbers. Some of the sharks are extremely large and bother the fishermen considerably, venturing close to the dories and destroying much gear.

FISH COMPANY DEAL ABANDONED

PROMOTERS FAILED TO TAKE UP OPTION ON STOCK OF BAY STATE COMPANY.

The negotiations for the purchase of the Bay State Fishing Company by New York interests to be known as the Atlantic Fisheries Company is declared by President J. R. Neil of the former company to be off. A price was set at which the Bay State Company could be bought but the prospective purchasers failed to take up their option it is stated.

The interests which were to have purchased the control of the Bay State Fishing Company are the same which recently purchased the \$400,000 common stock of the Boston Fisheries Company and turned that property over to the control of the Consolidated Fisheries Company of Maine with \$7,000,000 authorized capital stock.

It is the intention of the new Consolidated Fisheries Company it was stated today to build immediately a fleet of five steel steam trawlers some of which will be 145 feet long.

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SEAWEED FOR FERTILIZER.

Hampton Farmers Indulging in a New Occupation This Summer.

Farmers from the towns and villages adjacent to the beach are busily engaged in hauling quantities of seaweed and kelp from the seashore to their farms, where it is to be used as fertilizer, an unusual custom in this part of the country. The heavy tides of the last few weeks have brought in a vast amount of this seaweed, which, owing to its salty composition, is useful to fertilize crops and the Hampton farmers are taking advantage of the supply brought in. The department of agriculture advocates this method, as this seaweed fertilizer is well adapted to some crops, and after it has formed a compost it is of additional value in many ways. Along the Maine coast, this custom has been quite generally followed, but locally the idea is a new and novel one which is attracting considerable attention.

This is the first morning for quite a while that an arrival with fresh mackerel has been missing from the Boston or local report, but it was too blowy yesterday for the vessels on Middle bank to do any fishing and today will also be a blowy one if early appearances count for anything.

The news from the Maine coast, as to large fish, continues to be of an encouraging nature and as soon as some of the big vessels of the seining fleet get down there it is pretty close to a safe bet that some fine fares will be forthcoming. There are large mackerel schooling all along the Maine coast from Wood Island east and some good hauls have been made, as previously reported. Reports from Maine as to the good schools of large fish have not been colored, as they come from authoritative sources, but the catches have not been large as the fleet on the fish have been only netters and small gasoline boats like the Elthier and Kate and Nellie, etc., which are fitted with small, shoal seines, which would not do much execution especially if the schools are wild. Sharks are reported plentiful there also, but then this is to be expected, as there is al-

ways some drawback every time there is a good show of mackerel.

Sharks Destroyed Seine of Mackerel Steamer.

Sharks raised havoc with the mackerel seine owned by Capt. Eben Brown of the steamer E. N. Brown off Monhegan, Tuesday, while the crew of the fishing steamer were making every effort to secure a large catch of mackerel and Capt. Brown was forced to come to Portland yesterday morning to get fixed up.

The sharks got tangled up in the seines placed out by the crew of the Portland fishing boat and in their efforts to get free the dreaded fish tore it badly and Capt. Brown said that his loss would amount to about \$100. "That is not the only loss either," said Capt. Brown, "as had we not been bothered by the sharks we would have made a big catch of mackerel. We struck a number of fine schools."

In speaking of the sudden appearance of mackerel off the coast of Maine, Capt. Brown said that the fish were all along the coast and that they were particularly thick between Monhegan and Matinicus. All the fishing boats catching mackerel are selling their fish to the dealers at Eastern ports as they want to keep right on the track of the mackerel. Capt. Brown said that he would not have come back to Portland if the sharks had not tore up his seines.

The Portland steamer did not lose all her mackerel catch, however, as Capt. Brown sold 2100 pounds to Portland dealers for 11 1-2 cents per pound.

NO MACKEREL REPORTED TODAY.

Stories of Large Quantity of Fish on Maine Coast Still Continue.